

FULL OF BRILLIANT PLAYS

Yesterday's Six-Inning Game with New York, Which the Home Club Won.

Philadelphia Wins from Pittsburgh, but Will Not Be Credit with Saturday's Victory Over That Club—Notes.

Rather a small crowd witnessed a game, yesterday, between the home club and New York, which was full of exciting incidents. The threatening weather was responsible for the small attendance, and, indeed, the interest which was manifested in the weather after the home team had obtained a good lead early in the game was as great as it was in the playing itself, the spectators getting up every few minutes to look at the clouds. Rain stopped the game for twenty-five minutes in the third inning, and many were the expressions of disgust heard during that time at the prospect of Indianapolis being robbed of a victory by the rain. This was only one of the many incidents which made the game of exceptional interest, for it was characterized by probably the greatest fielding ever performed on a ball-field, as well as more or less good work throughout.

The infield was in rather bad condition when the two teams came on the grounds. The soft places around the home plate, as well as first and third bases, were muddy and slippery, just as they were so often at the opening of the season, and the two clubs did not get to playing until fifteen minutes after the regular time. The grass was also wet, which indicated a bad day for the pitchers, but Crane alone seemed to suffer in consequence. Shreve never pitched a game in which he displayed such excellent judgment, and, while he received brilliant support in the field, too much cannot be said of his own work. With a slippery ball to handle throughout the entire six innings he managed to hold the hard-hitting Giants down to six hits, or one an inning on an average. One of these was a home run, and it proved the only one the visitors scored. He was supported in brilliant style by Buckley, Brown's work being the best he has yet done, but he was doubtless bothered by the wet ball.

Hines opened the game by a base on balls, and on a passed ball went to second; Myers furnished a sacrifice, and Denny sent him home with a two-bagger. Another passed ball put the captain on third base, and Seery sent him in with a clever sacrifice. Then came an inning of as brilliant fielding as was ever seen on a ball field. Gore, the first New York batter, sent a line fly over into Hines's territory. The veteran center-fielder started to turn and run after the ball, feeling that it was going far over his head, but he did not slip and he slipped and fell, the mishap being greeted with groans of disappointment by the crowd, but he recovered himself and started after the ball. He had not looked at it after he had fallen, and no one thought that he still entertained any notion of getting it, but suddenly, just as it was apparently settling into the hands of the catcher, he stuck out his right hand. No one yet suspected that he had the ball but he stopped running and held up the ball before the astonished gaze of spectators, umpire and players. He was not at all excited at the time he made the catch, and his back was turned squarely to the ball. The remarkable part of the play was that his mishap in falling did not seem to guide him in the course of the ball. He was beyond the driveway in center field when he made the catch. Of course the play created the wildest applause, and will be the talk of all the enthusiasts who witnessed it for some time to come. Tiernan, the next batter, got a base hit—he usually does—and then Ward sent a fly out to right, after which a fielder was seen to dart in a fashion that has not previously been followed this season on these grounds. By great sprit and accurately locating the drive, the fielder made what looked an easy catch. Then it was that many of the spectators discovered for the first time that it was McGee who was out to that field and who was playing his first game of the season. The inning was not yet over, however, and Shreve related the apprehension of the crowd by sending the next two batters, Ewing and Connor, to first on balls and filling the bases, but O'Rourke's hard grounder was easily stopped by Esterbrook.

Esterbrook got a hit in the second inning, but some excellent pitching by Crane routed the next three batters. In the last half of the inning Crane got a base on balls, after two outs, but Gore struck out, greatly to the delight of the audience. In the third inning Crane opened with a single and scored on Denny's home-run drive over the center field fence. Then, just as the home team seemed to get a grip, the rain came down and the umpire called the game. It had to rain a half hour, however, according to the rules, before the contest could be resumed, and it lasted just four minutes of that time when the rain stopped, and the New Yorks, greatly against their will, were compelled to come forth and make an effort to save the game. Crane saved a whitewash, but not the game. In the third inning Tiernan hit the ball over the right field fence. In the fifth inning there was great enthusiasm when Tiernan was run down between third and home and put out. In the sixth inning there was also some excitement, Richardson getting a base on balls after one out and Crane coming along with a two-bagger after Brown had been retired, which sent Richardson to third, but a fine catch by Esterbrook of Denny's assist ended the inning and the game, as the umpire called it on account of darkness in the last part of the contest. It was time to do so, as Seery would doubtless have captured Crane's hit in the previous inning but for the increasing darkness. Following is the score:

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brought in three runs for the visitors. Each scored one run after, but there was little interest. The fielding of Forney and Sunday, especially in the latter, were the feature. Attendance, 2,000. Score:

PITTSBURGH.	PHILADELPHIA.
Sunday, m. 0 0 0 0 0	Wood, l. 1 1 0 0 0
Carroll, r. 0 0 0 0 0	Ward, m. 0 0 0 0 0
Maui, l. 0 0 0 0 0	Fogarty, r. 1 1 0 0 0
McGee, l. 0 0 0 0 0	O'Brien, s. 2 2 0 0 0
Denny, l. 0 0 0 0 0	Farrar, l. 1 1 0 0 0
Fields, c. 0 0 0 0 0	Irwin, s. 0 0 0 0 0
Kushna, s. 0 0 0 0 0	Cliff, s. 0 0 0 0 0
Smith, s. 0 0 0 0 0	Cliff, s. 0 0 0 0 0
Galvin, p. 0 0 0 0 0	Bastian, l. 1 1 0 0 0
Totals... 1 0 2 13 4	Totals... 4 7 27 16 1

CLEVELAND, 8; Athletics, 4.
CLEVELAND, O., May 7.—Weyhing and Gunning were out of form to-day, and by reason thereof Cleveland won the game. However, the local team played well, and with the exception of Crowell put up a perfect game. Fifteen hundred people were present. Score:

CLEVELAND.	ATHLETICS.
Hogan, r. 2 2 0 0 0	Stover, l. 1 1 0 0 0
McKean, s. 0 0 0 0 0	Stover, l. 1 1 0 0 0
Hottel, m. 0 0 0 0 0	Poorman, r. 0 0 0 0 0
Stricker, s. 0 0 0 0 0	Sullivan, s. 1 1 2 2 0
Albright, s. 0 0 0 0 0	Gleason, s. 1 1 0 0 0
Faust, l. 1 1 2 2 0	Welch, m. 0 0 0 0 0
Giles, s. 1 1 0 0 0	Bierbr, l. 1 1 0 0 0
Stover, s. 0 0 0 0 0	Gunning, s. 0 0 0 0 0
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PRIVATE FIFER'S VICTORY

Gen. John C. Black's Gratuitous Insult, and How It Was Resented.

A Question the State of Illinois Answered—The Nomination in Washington—Good Reading from a Committee's Records.

W. B. S., in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.
"That fellow Black did it. We have to thank him for putting the Republican party in Illinois in the very best position it could occupy in the coming campaign." This was the bitter comment uttered by a very prominent Illinois Democrat when the news was circulated through the lobby of the Willard last night that private Joe Fifer had been nominated. Illinois Democrats in Washington, one and all, throw up their hands. They say that if there was any chance of carrying the State it has been thrown away. They hold Black responsible for it, and "fellow" him heartily.

"How Black did it" is a rather interesting story. Fourteen months ago "private Joe Fifer" had not been mentioned as a candidate for Governor. Black was on the rack before a Senate investigating committee, of which Senator Cullom and Senator Plumb were members. The Commissioner of Pensions had made a wild assertion that there had been improper management of the bureau before he became the head of it. The Senators demanded proofs. One day in March he sent up to the Capitol a list of cases which he said had been fraudulently allowed. In the list was the name of "private Joseph W. Fifer, of McLean county, Illinois." As proof that Fifer's pension had been improperly allowed, Gen. Black sent to the committee a card he had found among the papers. The card was dated of August 10, 1884, and was addressed to the then Commissioner, Gen. Dudley. It read as follows:

I am anxious to have this man's pension increased to \$24 per month. He was one of the best men I ever knew. He was shot just about a year ago. I know him well. A little work breaks him down and he is a sick man for a time. Please give him this attention soon.
S. M. CULLOM.
General Black followed up his list by stating, without qualification, that Fifer's pension had been increased to \$24 as the result of a report by Cullom and against the facts in the case. When the information reached Bloomington a special meeting of the Grand Army post was held. The pension Commissioner was bitterly denounced, and resolutions offered by a Democratic member of the post were adopted without a dissenting vote.

After setting forth that the facts in Mr. Fifer's case were well known to them, and that they believed General Black was also acquainted with the facts, the members of the post resolved:

"That this attack upon Comrade Fifer is wanton and groundless, and does great injustice to a worthy and brave Union soldier, who has long struggled against disability caused by rebel lead. The said insinuation, made, as this, without evidence or justice to support it, is unworthy of the character of the resolutions."

A copy of the resolutions was sent to General Black. He rushed into print with a letter which he never sent to the Bloomington post, but which he gave to the Democratic newspaper in Washington and to another in Chicago. In this letter he reiterated his insult in even stronger language than before.

"On what was the \$24 given, if not upon the slip of Shelby M. Cullom?" General Black wrote. "The rate of \$24 was the precise sum asked for by him, and none other."

Fifer replied to this letter of Black. At that time the Commissioner of Pensions, himself a Democrat, had received a report from Cullom as the Democratic candidate for Governor who could carry Illinois for Cleveland in 1888. The vice-president was not so far from the mark when he said that Fifer was the man who could draw off the soldier votes from his old allegiance, and make Illinois Democratic.

Fifer was almost to-day private. Fifer published his ringing reply to Black, and immediately the old soldiers began to say, "Fifer is the man who can draw off the soldier votes from his old allegiance, and make Illinois Democratic." Fifer's reply was a masterpiece. It was a masterpiece of the kind of thing that a private soldier can do. It was a masterpiece of the kind of thing that a private soldier can do. It was a masterpiece of the kind of thing that a private soldier can do.

While the controversy between the Senate committee and Black was going on, Senator Cullom received a letter which in a few words told the history of private Fifer better than any other letter he